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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) An inertia locking mechanism for a vehicle door latch, comprising:

a release lever;

a transmission lever acting as an inertia device and including a projection, wherein the transmission lever forms a part of a transmission path that transmits an unlatching movement from the release lever to release a latch bolt of the vehicle door latch, and wherein inertia in the transmission lever causes an interruption in the transmission path in response to an acceleration force above a predetermined level; and

a guide structure that controls return of the transmission lever to a normal operating position, wherein the guide structure is a slot disposed on a latch chassis that guides movement of the projection.

10. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot has a linear slot portion and an arcuate slot portion.

11. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot is substantially U-shaped.

12. (Original) The inertia locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein the slot is substantially triangle-shaped.

13-17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the transmission lever acts as the inertia device.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door latch mechanism, comprising:

a release lever;

an inertia device operably coupled to the release lever, wherein the inertia device forms at least a part of a transmission path that transmits an unlatching movement from the release lever to release a latch bolt of a vehicle door latch and is displaced relative to a remainder of the latch mechanism in response to an acceleration force above a predetermined level such that the inertia device moves to interrupt the transmission path, wherein the transmission path is restored by actuation of the release lever and includes a transmission lever pivotally mounted to the release lever, the transmission lever including a projection; and[[:]]

a latch chassis, wherein a slot is disposed on the latch chassis to guide movement of the projection.

23. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot has a linear slot portion and an arcuate slot portion.

24. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot is substantially U-shaped.

25. (Original) The vehicle door latch mechanism of claim 22, wherein the slot is substantially triangle-shaped.

26. (Cancelled)